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Prague November 1, 1999

Reference: IB Docket No. 98-192

To The Attention of Michael McCoin, International Bureau

Subject: CONCERNING DIRECT ACCESS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF THE ACANTHUS CORPORATION AS A LEVEL 3 DIRECT ACCESS USER IN THE INTELSAT SYSTEM

Dear Mr. McCoin,

Our US company respectfully informs the UNITED STATES FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION that it wishes to immediately participate in Level 3 Direct Access to the INTELSAT system from the United States of America and respectfully requests to be included in the first group of carriers/operators participating in this FCC mandated process, with planned effective date in early December 1999.

Acanthus Corporation through its daughter company BEEDNET is already a Level 4 Direct Access member of INTELSAT in the United Kingdom and Hong Kong with investor privileges, since April 14, 1994, and it has Level 3 Access in Germany since spring 1995.

Acanthus Corporation is an international Section 214 carrier pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. 214, to provide international telecommunications services.

Acanthus Corporation will ensure that all earth stations used for Transmissions under the terms of the US FCC mandated Direct Access to INTELSAT process will be licensed by the FCC for using INTELSAT space segment.

Respectfully and With Many Thanks,

President

ACANTHUS CORPORATION

P.S. Please kindly reply to the Prague office for all notifications concerning this procedure. Thank you.

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For the attention of Michael McCoin at (202)418-0774

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## Dear Sir

ntl would like to formally register our interest as a user of the INTELSAT system and that we would be interested in seeking to receive Level 3 direct access. To this end I take this opportunity to notify the Commission in writing by this e-mail This day 2nd November 1999 ntl is a major UK telecoms operator accessing satellite via out international teleports in the AOR and IOR regions. We are the UK's larges

international teleports in the AOR and IOR regions. We are the UK's largest cable operator and provide DTH and other satellite services to over 200 hundred channels. Our shares are quote on the NASDAQ NTL Incorporated NTLI Nasdaq-NM.

If you'd like to find out more about ntl why not review our web site at www.ntl.com <a href="http://www.ntl.com">www.ntl.com</a>

Thanks in advance for your time and attention to this matter

Regards

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STANTON D. SLOANE Senior Vice President

October 28, 1999

Ms. Magalie Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20554

RE: Request for INTELSAT Direct Access

Dear Ms. Salas:

In accordance with Federal Communications Commission's Report and Order dated September 16, 1999 in IB Docket No. 98-192, COMSAT Government Systems LLC hereby requests Level 3 direct access to INTELSAT.

Please contact the Undersigned or Mr. Charles H. McGraw of COMSAT Government System LLC at (301)428-5116.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanton D. Sloane

Sr. Vice President

cc: Michael McCoin FCC

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